

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Chopp

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For: NITRIC OXIDE DONORS FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASE AND INJURY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20080319. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to September 30, 2008. The appropriate petition fee of \$525 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the above-captioned application prior to consideration of the application on the merits. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: